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P53 UAEU launches MSc in Human Nutrition in affiliation with University of London (UK).

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Welcome to the AY 2019-2020 issue of *The Graduate Times* – the Official Newsletter of the College of Graduate Studies (CGS) at UAEU. As many of you know, we offer a broad array of accredited educational programs, including academic and professional master's and doctoral degrees, which enroll over 1300 graduate students. Each of our graduate programs contribute to the professional and personal goals of our students.

Graduate students are an important part of UAEU community as they contribute to the academic and research mission of our university. Therefore, we are committed to support their academic success, professional development, and personal wellbeing from the moment they join UAEU until they graduate. CGS collaborates closely with nine colleges and various units in the university to create an environment in which every graduate student will grow and thrive.

In addition to supporting the individual graduate programs, CGS offers a wide range of academic support and services to enrich the lives of graduate students during their years at UAEU. One of these is the PhD Teaching Academy, which is offered in collaboration with CETL (Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning) and prepares students to become future faculty members. Furthermore, through various extracurricular social and professional development activities, CGS provides graduate students with the opportunity to interact with their peers from across campus.

I invite you to explore this newsletter to learn more about our graduate programs and our diverse and talented graduate student body. Thank you for your interest in College of Graduate Studies at UAEU!

PROFESSOR ALI AL-MARZOUQI
Dean, College of Graduate Studies

PATENTS

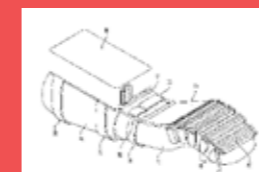
SIDRA SIRAJ
MSc in Chemical Engineering

On Method for obtaining paper from sand and products obtained therefrom.



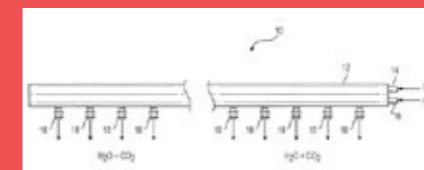
NOUF FADEL ALSAEDI
Master of Engineering Management

On Robotic gripping assist.



SHAIJAL THRU PPOYIL
PhD Student, Ecology and Environmental Sciences,
College of Science

On Drip irrigation system.



STUDENT AWARDS



Chancellor's Innovation Award, February 2019, for the faculty members category for the research project "Inexpensive, environmentally-friendly cellulose hydroxy-derived from date palm waste in the UAE and used for desalination, carbon dioxide capture and improved oil extraction".

AMEERA MOHAMMAD, JAWAD MUSTAFA & EMMANUEL GALIWANGO
PhD Students, Chemical Engineering, COE

► **1st Place** in renewable energy category- **Chancellor's Innovation Award** (2018/2019).

UAEU, FEB 2019

EMMANUEL GALIWANGO
PhD Student, Chemical Engineering, COE

► **2nd Place** renewable energy category- **Chancellor's Innovation Award** (2019/2020).

UAEU, FEB 2020



JOHN VICTOR CHRISTY
PhD Student, Mechanical Engineering, COE

1. **Best Paper Award** for the paper 'Experimental Investigation of Syngas Production through Gasification of Biomass Char in a Fluidized Bed Reactor' in 4th student research colloquium on Advances in Engineering & Information Technology-2019. Dubai, UAE, 25/4/2019

2. Won the **1st Place in Chancellor's Innovation Award** for student in renewable energy category. Al Ain, UAE, 2019

ASMA HASSANI
PhD Student, Biomedical Sciences, CMHS

Best Oral Presentation in CMHS Research Day 2019.

UAEU, 26/3/2019



KHADEGA AL-MAQDI
PhD Student, Chemistry, College of Science

Recipient of the **2nd UAE Student Awards** for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education 2019. The award was granted by H.E. Suhail Al Mazrouei, UAE Minister of Energy & Industry.

UAE, 9/1/2019



NIDA NASIR
PhD Student, Electrical Engineering, COE

"**Young Achiever Award**" by International Business and Academic Excellence Awards (IBAE-2019), Dubai; Category: Academic/Individual.

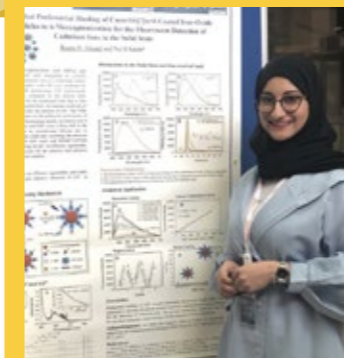
Organised by: The American College of Dubai and GISR Foundation.

Dubai, UAE, 31/10/2019

ALI AL RAHMA
PhD Student, Public Health & Occupational Health, College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS)

Special Honorary Reward from Dubai Health Authority (You're Our Pride Program) as a member of a team (5 members in the team) that created an evidence-based Diabetes Prevention Framework and it was rated 7-stars by a scientific committee in the Dubai Government Excellence Program (DGEP).

UAE, 12/3/2019



REEM H. H ALZARD
MSc in Chemistry, College of Science

1st Place Poster Award for the UAEU Annual Research and Innovation Conference.

UAEU, 6/2/2019

STUDENT AWARDS

OMAR AYAD
Master of Engineering Management, COE

3rd Place Winner in Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Wellness & Healthcare Impact Challenge competition hosted by Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

USA, 15-18 Feb 2019



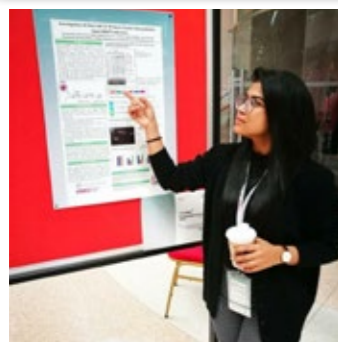
SAMEER BANIYASSEN
PhD Student, Department of Media and Creative Industries, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS)

Certificate of Best Article (Media Globalization) which was the most read research item from UAEU. Research interest/read by 21,971 viewers and higher than 95% of items on Research Gate (achieved on April 13, 2020).
Research Gate, 13/4/2020

DINU THOMAS THEKKUDEN
PhD Student, Mechanical Engineering, COE

Best Paper Award for the paper 'Response surface analysis of statistical features of voltage and current in a GMAW power source on welding' in 4th student research colloquium on Advances in Engineering & Information Technology-2019.

UAE, Dubai, 25/4/2019



JASMIN BABY
PhD Student, CMHS

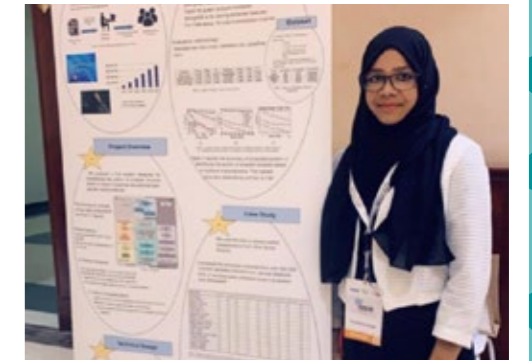
Winner of the Best Oral Presentation (of three selected) entitled "Investigating targets of the oncogenic miR-17-92 gene cluster dysregulated upon MMTV infection". Health Science Research Day, CMHS.

UAEU, 26/3/2019

MUHUSINA ISMAIL
PhD Student, Information Security, College of Information Technology (CIT)

Best Poster Award in the student poster competition for "Binstar: Malware Binary Authorship Characterization. Muhusina Ismail, Dr. Saed Alrabae", at the 19th IEEE International Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology (ISSPIT) held in Ajman University, UAE.

Ajman, UAE, 11-12 December 2019



THANVEER AHAMMED
MSc in Mechanical Engineering, COE

Best Paper Award achieved during the International Conference on Emerging Trends in Information Technology in 2019, for the paper entitled "Intelligent Sequence Optimization Method for Hole making Operations in 2M Production Line" on track- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

New Delhi, India, 22/06/2019

SIDRA SIRAJ
MSc in Chemical Engineering, COE

1. Winner and Research Grantee @ EXPO LIVE 2020 University Innovation Program (UIP), Cycle 2. Dubai, UAE, 11/11/2018 - 30/5/2020
2. Winner @ Challenge for Innovation (C4I) Pitch Competition, Hosted by UAEU-AUA & Womena. AI Ain, UAE, 20/2/2020
3. Only Female Scholarship recipient from UAE in the Energy and Environmental Sustainability Track @ The Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR). Boston, USA, 14-19/2/2019



MOHAMED IBRAHIM KIZHISSERI
PhD Student, Water Resources, COE

Best Paper Award - Best paper presentation and oral presentation at the International Conference on Environmental Systems Research, Melbourne, Australia.

Australia, 12/1/2019

STUDENT AWARDS

BABITHA ELIZABETH PHILIP PhD Student, Civil Engineering, COE

Best Paper Certificate in recognition of outstanding contribution at the 6th Global Conference on Engineering and Technology (GCOET) 2019 in Male, Maldives. Maldives, 20/7/2019



AMIR HUSSAIN IDRISI PhD Student, Mechanical Engineering, COE

1. Received **1st Place in Graduate Student Research and Innovation Competition**, under most innovative idea category at UAE University. UAE, 12/3/2019
2. Received **"Young Achiever Award"** in International Business & Academic Excellence Awards 2019 (IBAE Awards 2019), organized by GISR foundation and American College of Dubai. UAE, 30/10/2019

MARAM BAKIRO MSc in Materials Science & Engineering, COE

1st Place for Best Graduate Student Poster Award at the 6th International Conference on Water, Energy and Environment.

American University of Sharjah, UAE, 28/3/2019

SALWA AHMED MSc in Materials Science & Engineering, COE

3rd Place Poster Award at the University Annual Research & Innovation Conference.

UAEU, 6/2/2019

KHAWLA JUMA ALWAHSHI MSc in Environmental Sciences, COS

2nd Place in the Student Presentation Competition at the Graduate Students Research Conference, 2019.

UAEU, 2019

SHAMMA JAUAN ALMUHAIRI PhD Student, Public Health and Occupational Health, CMHS

Best Oral Presentation in the Student Research Day, March 2019.

UAEU, 26/3/2019

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE



HEBATALLAH JAMIL ALSAKAJI PhD Student, Mathematics, COS

Reviewer Certificate from Mathematical Methods in the Applied Sciences, (Q1 in Mathematics Journals). Awarded for reviewing 5 manuscripts in 2019.

Wiley-USA, 21/2/2020

Participated in:

- 19th International Conference Computational and Mathematical Methods in Science and Engineering. Cadiz-Spain, 30 June – 6 July, 2019
- The 6th International Arab Conference on Mathematics and Computations (IACMC 2019). Zarqa-Jordan, 24-26 April 2019
- Third Cambridge-Sultan Qaboos Universities Symposium (CAMSQU2019) on Mathematical Modelling. Muscat-Oman, 9-11 April 2019



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE



URWA TARIQ
PhD Student, Mass Communication, CHSS

Participated in:

- ▶ The Annual Conference of the International Association for Media and Communication Research - IAMCR (2019), under the section Mediated Communication, Public Opinion & Society. Selected as the only candidate from UAE for the LOC Scholars Program, under IAMCR (2019).
Spain, 8 to 11 July, 2019



SIDRA SIRAJ
MSc in Chemical Engineering, COE

Participated in:

- ▶ Delegate at the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR).
Boston, USA, Feb 14-Feb 19 2019
- ▶ Author and presenter for conference paper titled "Mechanical and wettability performance of sand/polymer composite sheets" at the 8th Asia Conference on Mechanical and Materials Engineering, National University of Singapore.
Singapore, 11 June-14 June 2020



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

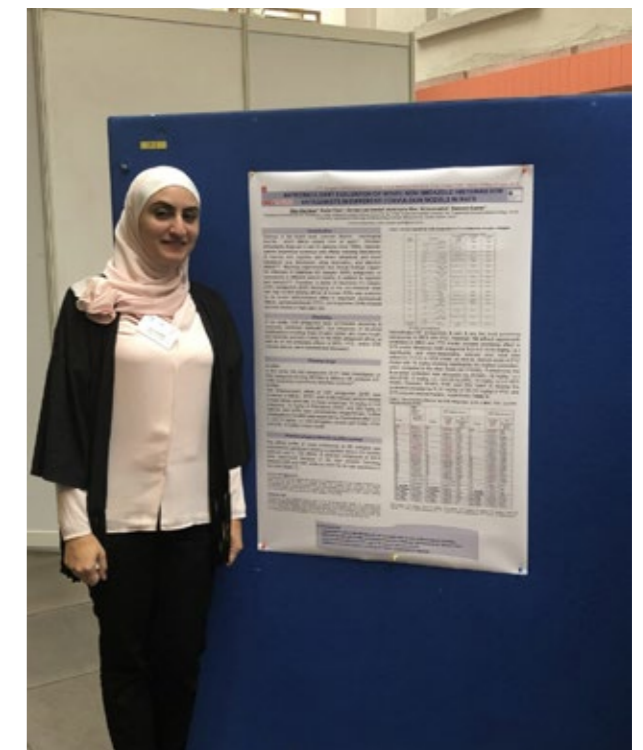
EMMANUEL GALIWANGO
PhD Student, Chemical Engineering, COE

- Scientific visit to University of California, Santa Barbara -external supervisor & his research team. California, USA, Feb 23 - March 5, 2020
- 2019 American Institution of Chemical Engineers annual meeting - Florida US (oral presentation). USA, Florida, 2019
- 2020 Conference on catalysis & chemical engineering - Los Angeles (oral presentation). USA, Los Angeles, 2020
- Industrial research visit to China with expo live senior Vice President - 2019. China, 2019



ALAA ALACHKAR
PhD Student, Biomedical Sciences, CMHS

- Attending the 47th Annual Meeting of the European Histamine Research Society. Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 30th-2nd June 2018
- Attending the 48th Annual Meeting of the European Histamine Research Society. Krakow, Poland, 15-18th May 2019



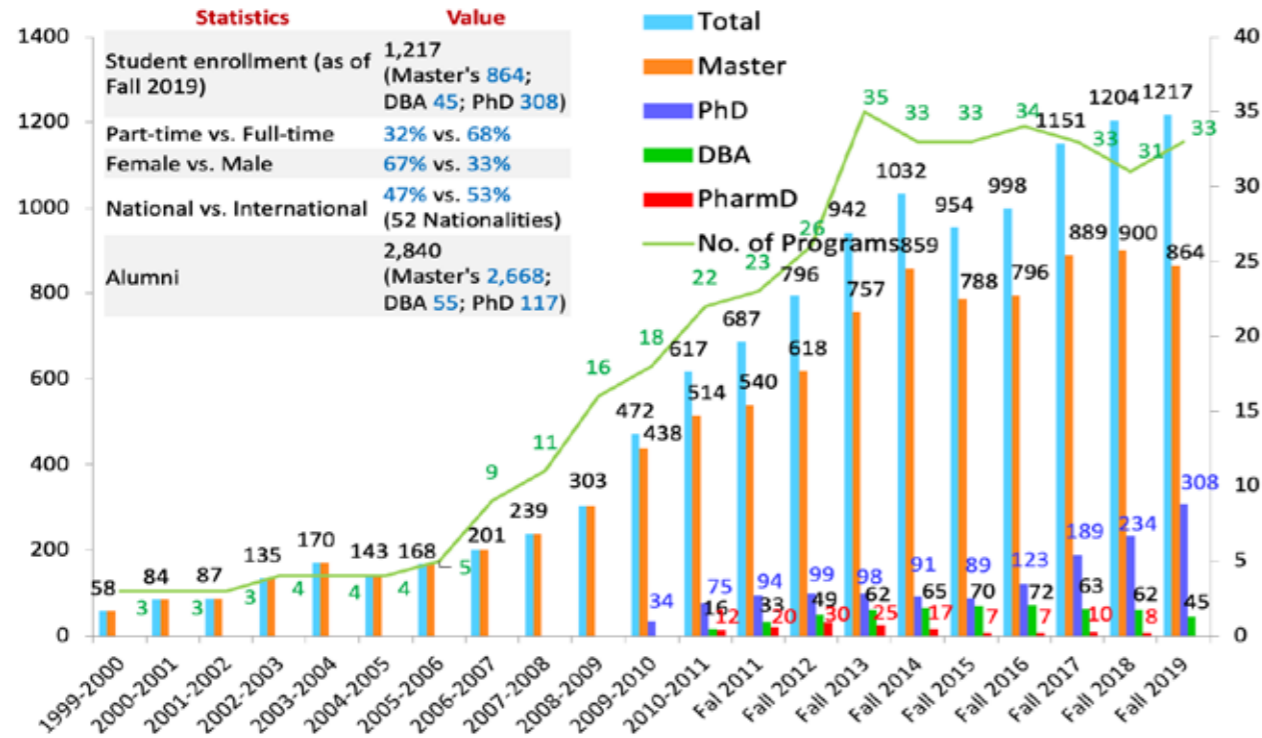
SAIFUDEEN KABEER
PhD Student, Electrical Engineering, COE

- Presented in PURE 2019 Conference. Prague, Czech Republic, 2019

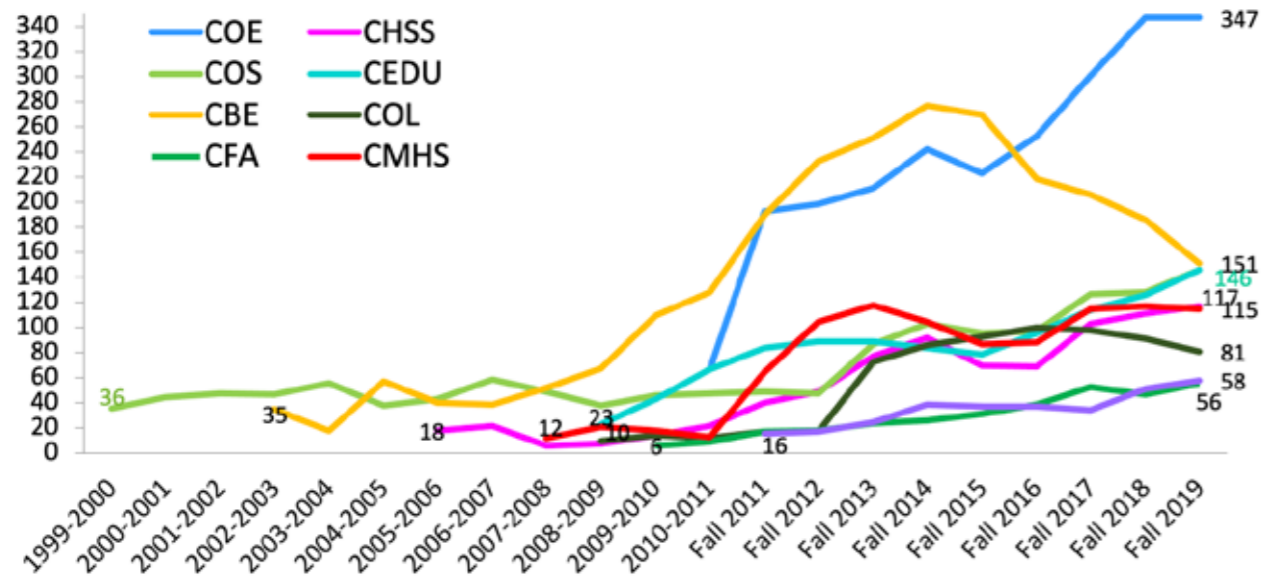


FACTS AND FIGURES

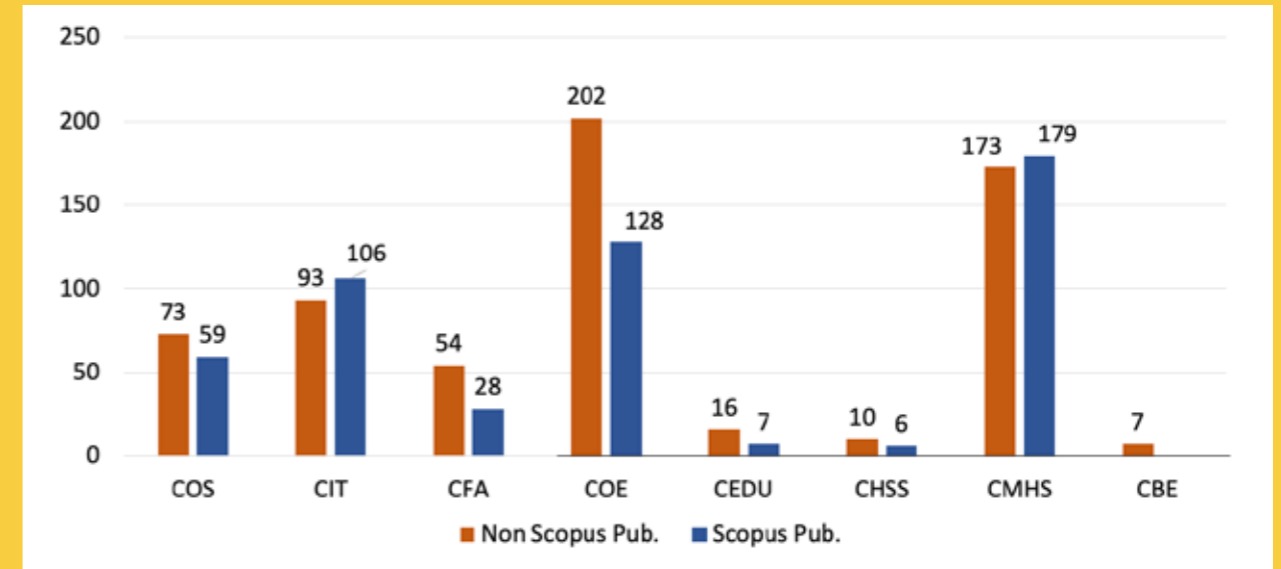
ENROLLMENT HISTORY IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS



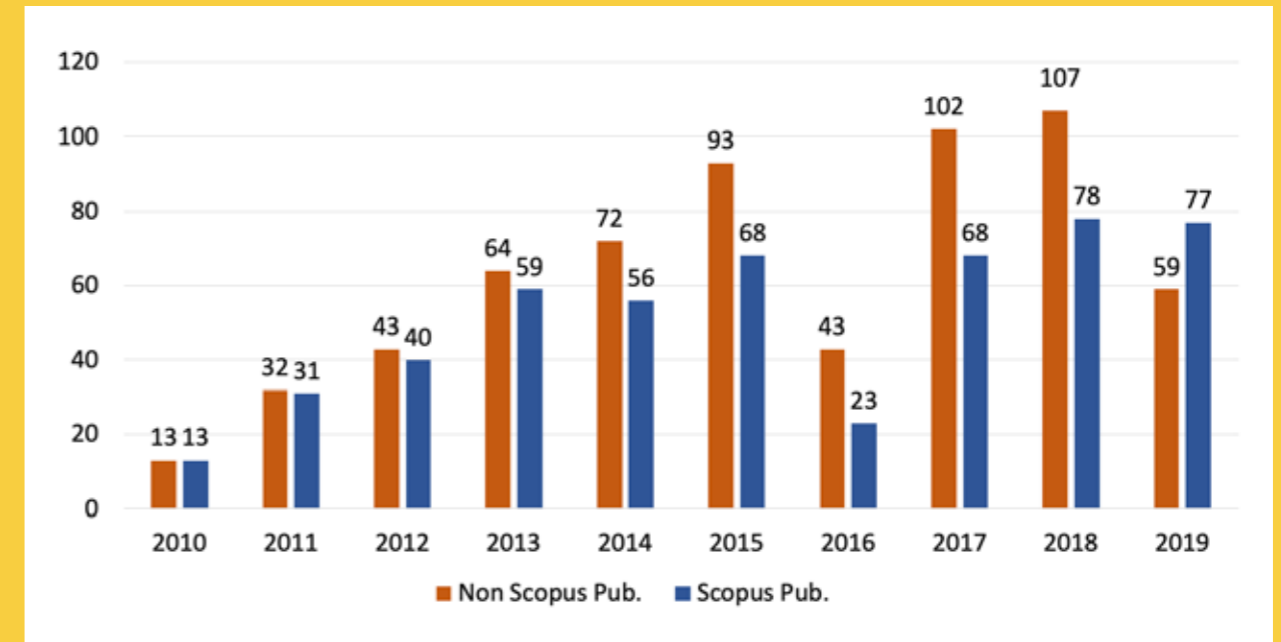
ENROLLMENT HISTORY BY COLLEGES



GRADUATE STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BY COLLEGE (ALL COLLEGES)

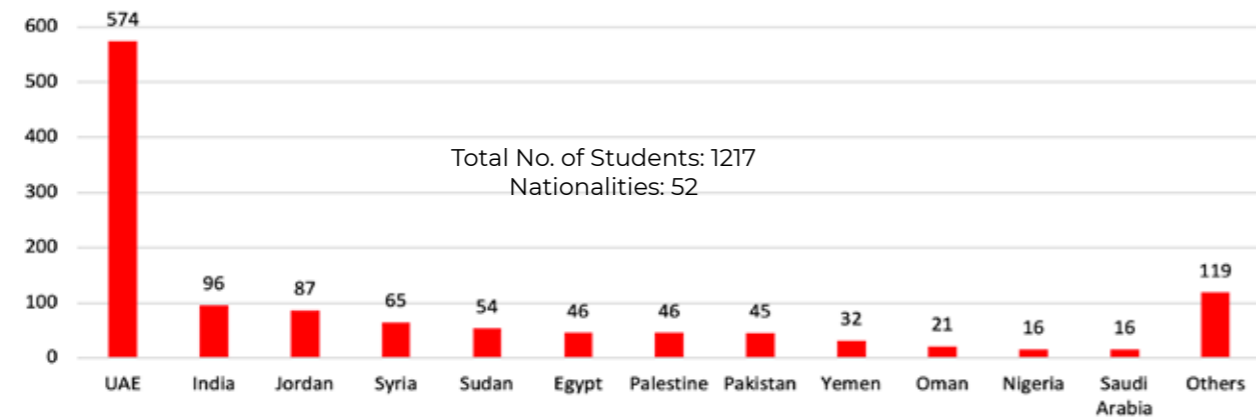


GRADUATE STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BY YEAR (2010 - 2019)



FACTS AND FIGURES

GRADUATE STUDENT DIVERSITY – FALL 2019



NUMBER OF MASTER & DOCTORATE GRADUATES

By Colleges	Master	Doctorate	By Program	2019
CBE College of Business & Economics	737	45	Doctorate	138
CEDU College of Education	142	6	Master	2404
CFA College of Food & Agriculture	28	10	Total	2542
CHSS College of Humanities & Social Sciences	180	6		
CIT College of Information Technology	49	12		
CMHS College of Medicine & Health Sciences	171	34		
COE College of Engineering	714	13		
COL College of Law	91	0		
COS College of Science	292	12		

In Summer 2020, we have:

117 PhD Alumni
55 DBA Alumni
2,668 Master Alumni

PhD Students have:

+1,090 Published refereed research papers
221 Presented conference papers

Thesis & Dissertation (2019):

167 Total
75 National Sectors

Financial Support to Graduate Students (2019):

429 Internal
152 External

STUDENT STORY

ANAS ALI

CTO & Co-Founder of Retech, Electrical Engineer

Master of Engineering Management Program, COE, UAEU

We have crossed a journey full of achievements and self-development. It all started with one question. The world is adapting digital payments why do physical receipts still exist?? Since then, Retech is on an endless journey to combat the unnecessary use of paper receipts. For a better sustainable future and aligning with Dubai 2021 vision of going paperless We're a team of passionate Emirati youth and our task is to leverage the retail industry by promoting Top-Notch Tech solutions. With our mobile app solution integrated with point of sale system.

We provide a seamless transaction of digital receipts and an interactive user interface, with real-time expense tracking enhancing the user experience & cutting down expenses.

We programmed a mobile app that leverages the use of artificial intelligence. The Mobile application advanced backend programming along with the mobile camera captures the data from receipts and invoices and transfers them digitally.

The captured data is analyzed and subcategorized into specific details, targeting the user's interest. This analyzed data is, with the help of sophisticated statistical equations is tuned into daily, weekly, yearly expenses per category! Giving the user a 360 view on his money, What goes in, What goes out, What have you saved and budgeted! Moreover, we reward the user for their efforts in saving the environment and opting for paper receipts.

We're a team of passionate Emirati youth and our task is to leverage the retail industry by promoting Top-Notch Tech solutions.



Anas Ali made it to the top three winners in global students entrepreneurs competition, August 2019



Anas Ali pitching in Science and Innovation park UAEU, March 2020

STUDENT STORY

NANCY KACHOUH PhD Student, Civil Engineering, COE

I am a PhD candidate and a research assistant in the Civil Engineering Department at the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU). My primary research interest is in the area of 'Structural/Material Engineering' with a particular emphasis on studying the behavior of concrete structures made of sustainable construction materials. My doctoral research revolves mostly around the area of steel fiber recycled aggregate concrete with an emphasis on sustainable construction. I have 2 articles and 2 conference papers published. I am one of the authors of the article "Effect of steel fibers on the performance of concrete made with recycled concrete aggregates and dune sand", published in "Construction and Building Materials" journal in 2019. My second published article is "Influence of steel fibers on the flexural performance of concrete incorporating recycled concrete aggregates and dune sand" published in "Journal of Sustainable Cement-Based Materials" in 2020. I presented the conference paper entitled "The Use of Steel Fibers to Enhance the Performance of Concrete Made with Recycled Aggregate" during the "Fifth International Conference on Sustainable Construction Materials and Technology (SCMT 5)", at Kingston, UK in 2019.

I received the first ACI Middle East Fellowship for the 2019-2020 award year. ACI Foundation promotes progress, innovation and collaboration in the concrete industry. ACI Foundation offers many fellowships and scholarships to high-potential graduate and undergraduate students whose studies relate to



Nancy Kachouh at the ACI convention in Cincinnati, USA on October, 2019



Nancy Kachouh at the Big 5 event, Dubai, 2019

concrete. Recently, ACI Foundation showed a big interest in the Middle East by offering a new fellowship for applicants in the Middle East region. I was honored to receive this prestigious award that highly contributed to my educational path in civil engineering. Being a finalist to receive the award, ACI Foundation supported me financially to attend the ACI Convention in Quebec, Canada in March 2019. As a winner of the ACI Fellowship, I received an educational stipend, appropriate recognition in Concrete International magazine and on the ACI Foundation website; paid travel expenses and attendance fees for two additional ACI Concrete Conventions in the fall of 2019 and spring of 2020; and assistance in finding an industry mentor. ACI Fellowship Award gave me the opportunity to earn more skills and to widen

my research area by supporting me financially. Being recognized in Concrete International magazine on the ACI Foundation website is a very important step that highly contributed to my Phd studies in the Civil Engineering area. The Award I received from ACI Foundation will not only contribute to my current Phd studies only, but it will give me a big plus in the future when applying to positions in the educational sector.

As a member of the ACI-UAE chapter I was invited to be a speaker at the Big 5 conference in Dubai, UAE, in November 2019. The Big 5 is the largest exhibition dedicated to the infrastructure and heavy construction industry in the Middle East. Held November 25-28, 2019, at the Dubai World Trade Centre, the event hosted over 68,000 attendees and hundreds of local and international companies showcasing innovative solutions and products. My presentation was about the use of steel fibers in enhancing the performance of concrete made with recycled aggregate.

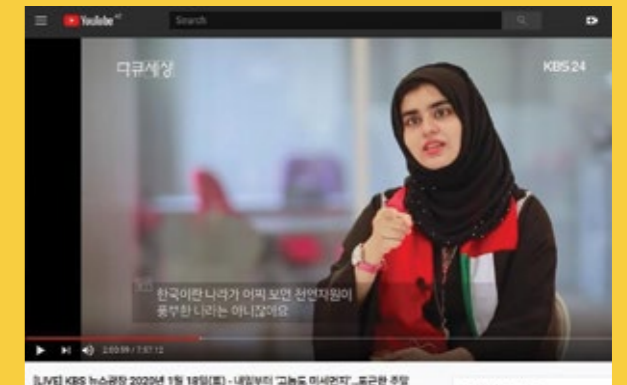


The ACI-UAEU student chapter members at the International day, 2019

URWA TARIQ PhD Student, Mass Communication

College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS)

1. Featured in Documentary in KBS International Television Broadcast /Hallyu impact in UAE 2020.
2. Research Paper "Hallyu Impact in UAE" getting featured and referenced in Al Arabiya News. UAE, September 2020
3. Featured in "The National" newspaper regarding exploratory research conducted in UAE- Topic "Say Hello to Digital Hallyu in UAE". UAE, 19/1/2019
4. Featured in Korean Broadcasting Channel (KBS 24) Documentary- Covered topic Hallyu Impact in UAE and represented case study within UAE University. UAE, 1/12/2019
5. Selected as an Emerging Scholar and a participant for the 5th International Conference on Communication and Media Studies.
6. Participated as a presenter for the shortlisted research proposal "The Anime Fandom among young Emiratis in the UAE".



KBS International Television Broadcast



Research Paper "Hallyu Impact in UAE"

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS



Winner of ABU DHABI INTER-UNIVERSITY SPORTS LEAGUE badminton champions

Feb 2019 - Venue: NYU Abu Dhabi

Standing left to right: Dinu Thomas, Jeyaganesh Devaraj, Saifudeen Kabeer, Thanveer Ahammed, Nizamudeen Cherupurakal, John V Christy with coach Housseem.



Winner of HCT inter-university badminton championship

Dec 2019 - Venue: HCT Al Ain

Standing left to right: Aslam Amir, John V Christy, Nizamudeen Cherupurakal, Dinu Thomas, Sitting: Jeyaganesh Devaraj, Mohammed Ziauddin.



NEW PHD STUDENTS ORIENTATION FALL 2019

The New PhD Student Orientation event is designed to orient new PhD students to the university, the rules and regulations of the PhD program at UAEU, along with the services available.

This Fall CGS welcomed 117 new PhD students and the event started by a welcoming opening and remarks by Prof. Ali Al-Marzouqi, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, followed by keynote remarks from Prof. Taoufik Ksiksi from the Department of Biology, College of Science.

Moreover, remarks on the challenges and the PhD journey were presented by Dr. Khawlah Najib Saeed Athamneh (PhD Alumna, College of Science, Spring 2019), followed by milestones of a student's journey in a doctorate program at UAEU presented by Ms. Amal Al Hassani, Head of the Student Affairs Section, College of Graduate Studies.

Furthermore, services of the Office of Enrollment Deanship and services of the Library were introduced to the students, ending the session with questions and answers.



NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The College of Graduate Studies organized the UAE National Day celebration for their students and faculty to celebrate the spirit of the union in a friendly atmosphere. The event started with a welcoming opening by Prof. Ali Al-Marzouqi, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, followed by number of interacting activities to entertain the audience such as a demonstration of the local UAE culture and heritage for traditional wedding customs, along with questions to the audience, corner space for coffee and local old grocery demonstration and a sticker board to express their love for the UAE.

And by the end of the day, everyone was invited to a lunch break.



INTERNATIONAL DAY

College of Graduate Studies hosted its annual International Day event to celebrate its graduate student diversity, emphasizing further on the value of tolerance in alignment with the UAE 2019 Year of Tolerance theme. Moreover, the event gave faculty members and students the opportunity to discover global communities' traditions and culture. The event was held on 13th of November, 2019 at the F3 Building with the participation of 12 different nationalities represented by the graduate students from all colleges at UAE university. Furthermore, the event welcomed participants from different organizations from UAE such as: Zayed Higher Organization, Al Ain Centre for Care and Rehabilitation, Cultural and Media office in Supreme Council for Family Affairs in Sharjah, Also, various audience attended the event from the university.





The participating students got the chance to present their talents and creativity in representing their countries' traditional customs, food and dances. Moreover, the CGS organized a number of competitions among the students to entertain the students and the audience, and encourage the spirit of competition among themselves. There were competitions and awards for best traditional costume for male and female, best booth, best traditional dish, best group presentation, and best solo presentation. Also, the CGS chose various judges among faculty and staff for the judging committee from different departments in the university, in addition to few students to choose the winners.

The various participations from the students was remarkable. This event introduced the students to each other's cultures, gaining new skills and tasting new different food types.



MOVIE NIGHT

The College of Graduate Studies organizes the Movie Night event each semester to give the graduate students a chance to enjoy their time with their close friends and colleagues in the cinema room in F3 building to help students relieve their work load stress and enjoy their time. Moreover, the CGS serves free popcorn and beverages to make it more fun and exciting for the students.



★ **MOVIE NIGHT** ★

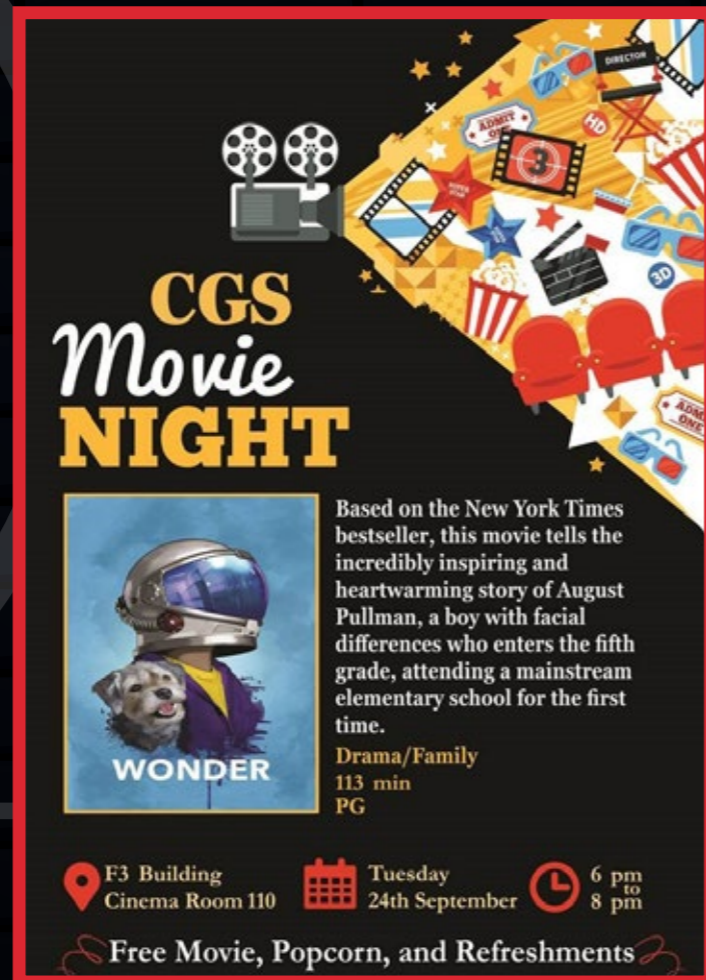
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil
2019 • Fantasy/Action • 1h 58m

Tuesday, January 28th
6:30 pm

UAE University,
Building: F3,
1st Floor,
Cinema Room: 110

Free
Popcorn and
Refreshments

FREE TICKET



CGS
Movie
NIGHT

WONDER

Based on the New York Times bestseller, this movie tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters the fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

Drama/Family
113 min
PG

F3 Building
Cinema Room 110

Tuesday
24th September

6 pm
to
8 pm

Free Movie, Popcorn, and Refreshments

KARAOKE LADIES NIGHT

The College of Graduate Studies organized Karaoke Ladies Night to give female graduate students a chance to enjoy a night with their favorite songs in a cozy private atmosphere along with served snacks in the cinema room at F3 Building.



SHARJAH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR TRIP

College of Graduate Studies arranged an educational trip for graduate students to the International Book Fair in Sharjah on Friday, November 8th, 2019. This trip gave opportunity for graduate students to explore the latest in electronic media and digital content, intellectual cultural programs, and to network with the local and international community.



GLOBAL VILLAGE – DUBAI TRIP

Students enjoyed food and drinks from different cultures and described it as "a wonderful experience".

Take-a-way gifts were available from different parts of the world along with toys and balloons for kids to take home.

Entertainment shows from different cultures were available to entertain the audience and student described it as "Fantastic".

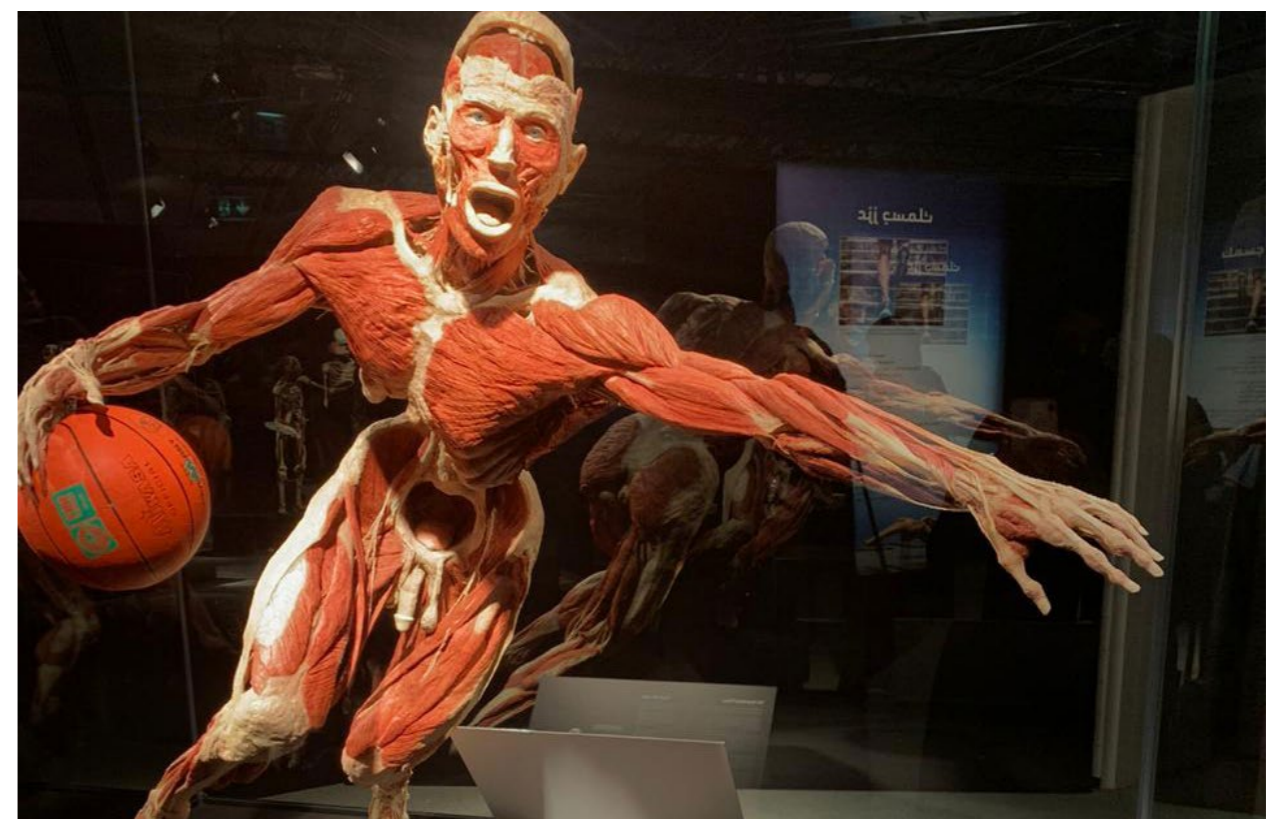
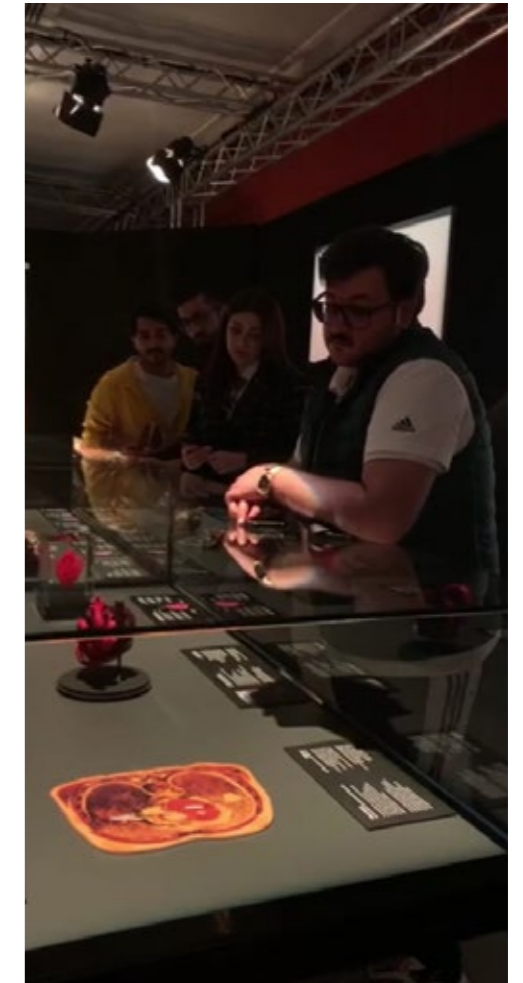


BODY WORLDS MUSEUM - ABU DHABI TRIP

The exhibition allowed students to see and experience how the organs were located inside the body, how the muscles worked and how the nerves were spreading from spinal cord reaching out to other parts of the body.

It also had healthy and unhealthy/diseased organs on display side by side, so students could compare and really see how their lifestyles could affect their health. It was an amazing chance to find out what humans were made of underneath the skin, learn about the body parts and appreciate them.

It brought awareness what was good and what was bad for the body, how vulnerable human body was and that everyone should take care of their health. It was a great way to educate anyone visiting towards adopting a healthy lifestyle.



DUBAI PARKS AND RESORTS TRIP

College of Graduate Studies (CGS) arranged a fun trip for graduate students and their families to Dubai theme parks (Legoland, Motiongate, and Bollywood parks). This gave graduate students opportunities to get to know each other and share a fun filled thrilling memorable day with their colleagues and families that they will always cherish.



IMG WORLD OF ADVENTURE TRIP

College of Graduate Studies (CGS) arranged a trip for graduate students to IMG World in Dubai on Friday, October 11, 2019, at the request of graduate students. This trip provided opportunity for graduate students to spend a fun stress free day with other students and their families.

What Students thought about this Trip:

Tired, exhausted from stressful daily routines; A wave of excitement gushed into me and my friends when we received an email from CGS that they were going to arrange a trip to IMG world on 11 October 2019. IMG World is one of the best Adventurous parks in the United Arab Emirates. Delighted and ecstatic, we finally reached to IMG World where we first entered into the Forbidden territory that took us back to the 1st Jurassic park movie. It was a pleasure to have some cool 3D rides and experienced scary haunted house. Amused by the thrilling rides of roller coasters (Spider-Man Doc Ock's Revenge, Predator, Velociraptor rollercoaster and Thor thunder spin) that gave us tingling sensation in the stomach, tossed our internal organs and sudden adrenaline rush. This trip was an unforgettable experience that was full of gleeful chuckles and laughter. Thanks, CGS for arranging this tour and making us happy.



LA MER BEACH TRIP

College of Graduate Studies hosted a trip to La Mer beach on February 21st, 2020, for graduate students and their families in Dubai. Students were able to enjoy a relaxing view at the beach, smelling fresh air. La Mer was also the destination to shop the latest trends and taste a variety of the most scrumptious international cuisines. Away from academic life and stressful study, students were enjoying the company of each other in such an active, enjoyable place. According to the CGS survey, students were all in gratitude and happy to join this trip, which indeed brought satisfaction to the CGS team.



OPEN MEETING WITH ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS 2019

The purpose of this meeting was:

- ▶ To give students, especially the new students, an orientation on graduate studies at UAE.
- ▶ Update students on the latest, which includes changes to policies and procedures, guidelines, activities, etc.
- ▶ Give students a chance to ask questions and get information on related matters.



GRADUATE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE AT UAEU

METHTHA RANASINGHE PhD Student, College of Food & Agriculture



I feel it is such a privilege to join as a PhD candidate at United Arab University, one of the highly ranked universities in the world. I am pursuing my PhD in the field of Food Science. With highly equipped laboratories and cooperative academic and non-academic staff, we get so many opportunities to learn new things as well as to utilize our knowledge in the field of science. University's friendly environment helps us in succeeding each step we put forward in our learning journey. College of Graduate Studies is always there for us giving guidance wherever possible and in whatever needed. By arranging workshops, they try to sharpen the knowledge and skills of the students. They also organize activities to interact the students with each other, such as international day, trips etc. Apart from that, CGS tries their level best to provide work experience and financial support by providing assistantships. UAEU holds a special place in fulfilling the dreams of many graduate students like me, all over the world, regardless of the nationality. Cheers!

SAJA AYED ALQAHTANI PhD Student, Leadership and Policy Studies in Education, College of Education



My motivation of further study and research was the reason why I complete my study. I faced many obstacles as any person but, that never let me stop. I'm Saudi, but I chose United Arab of Emirates University to study in, based on the reputation of the university as it's the best university in UAE and from the top fifth universities in Middle East and UAE is a second home for me. From these points, I decided to study MBA in UAEU, it was a great and valuable journey. In addition, I will never forget how all the staff in the University were respectful, kind and supportive. I never felt I am away from my home because everyone in UAEU made me feel as I am in my home. My goals did not stop here, I am now PhD student in UAEU and working as an assistant in the CGS in UAEU. Studying and working in UAEU gave me experiences and skills in many aspects with UAEU providing many different workshops in many different fields. The best part of being a student in UAEU was working with professional staff which let me get a lot of academic and valuable experience. Finally, I am proud to be part of this great entity and I wish one day I become one of the UAEU staff.

GRADUATE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE AT UAEU

MUSTAPHA MBYE

**PhD Student, Food Science,
College of Food and Agriculture**

The fear of staying afloat or drowning in graduate school made me spend long hours at the library and the laboratory alone in my early days in graduate school. After a year, I realized the efforts expended did not translate into commensurable outcome. In one of my lonely hours in the laboratory, after exhaustion from repeated experiments, I took advantage of the internet's resourcefulness on the 'Dos and Don'ts of graduate studies. Then, I realized the missing link in my graduate journey. Hence, I began to interact with other graduate students I met at UAEU graduate students' Hub, got involved in extra-curricular activities such as joining the College of Graduate Studies excursions, and playing tennis while interacting with new friends. This was the turning point in my academic career, my productivity spiked and the burden I once had begun to disappear. The establishment of College of Graduate Studies (CGS) goes a long way in helping graduate students to quickly settle-in for their study. CGS provides the opportunity for graduate students to have an open conversation with other colleagues and through which friendship, research collaborations, and companionship can emerge. Therefore, strengthening CGS has several benefits and can consolidate our common purpose.



SHIMAA GAMAL ELBADRI AHMED ABDALLA

**Master of Engineering Management,
College of Engineering**

Every moment of my study was so joyful to me and I am so grateful for that, because I chose something I love and being with classmates from different sectors and different positions, studying management made it more fun. In addition, the program did meet my expectations and the professors with their remarkable field and academic experience made the courses so rich in content. Also, the high academic performance by majority of colleagues made group work fun. I always know who to choose to work with and this made it so much fun for me. Moreover, the amazing trips that CGS organized were really a stress relief for me and so much fun, and I am amazed of UAEU's preparation for online classes and technology; they make me feel I am in the university of future and that I belong to future. Finally, for a student who got admitted by conditional admission and recently being awarded with the merit fellowship scholarship, reflects how much I enjoyed studying Engineering Management at UAEU.

ABDEL RAHMAN ATEF AHMED

**MSc in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology,
College of Science**

My 1-year graduate experience has been great. Since I finished my bachelor's degree from a different institution, I can see a large difference here at UAEU. I chose UAEU since it was very well known, not only across the UAE but across the middle east as well. I also had a couple of friends who did either their bachelors here at UAEU or started doing their graduate courses. They mentioned a lot of positive points about the university and here are some of what I heard as well as experienced. Starting from the huge campus here in Al Ain with wide variety of facilities that the student is free to use at any time, whether it is the sports hall with its highly equipped gym and different playgrounds both indoor and outdoor. The food court containing different coffeeshops and restaurants where the student can both eat and relax with his friends while having breakfast, lunch or dinner. The library with its large database both online and offline that the student can use for his or her academic work. The classrooms are also highly equipped with technologies such as the smart board that can be easy for both the instructors as well as the student although it does have some problems sometimes but that should not be a problem since technicians are available on the clock. The labs are highly equipped with the latest apparatus making the student's life much easier. Most of the instructors are friendly with the students and are willing to help both on and off their office hours whether face to face or via email address. The instructors are very active research wise in different fields and that gives the student a lot of option when choosing their academic supervisors and their field of research. In addition to that, the university supports the students financially by allowing them to work at different departments with flexible times and good rates. Some courses could be improved as I felt they were not beneficial and very basic for a graduate student. The university also offers a lot of great nonacademic activities such as trips, volunteering and on campus activities such as talent competitions and student clubs that do support talented students to keep following their passion along with their studies. The university also offers a lot of workshops that are very beneficial to improve the graduate students both academically or their personal skills in general. The social media are very up to date with all the news and announcements via the broadcasts on the email. The College of Graduate Studies team is so helpful and friendly with all the graduate students' issues that we might face during our journey.



ABIR MAHMOUD HAG ALI

**Master of Business Administration,
College of Business and Economics**

Studying at UAEU for me is the greatest decision that I took, the university is considered as one of the well-established universities in whole UAE, an experience full of achievements.

CGS WORKSHOPS

- ▶ **Reading Research Articles Effectively and Efficiently**
John Slocombe, University College
- ▶ **Laboratory Safety Awareness**
Eng. Tuseef Ahamad, Facility management department
- ▶ **Academic Writing Style: Formality, Precision and Complexity**
John Slocombe, University College
- ▶ **Writing an Abstract: How to Promote your Academic Paper or Conference Presentation**
John Slocombe, University College
- ▶ **How to Write an Effective Literature Review**
John Slocombe, University College
- ▶ **The Innovation of Using 3D Printing Technology in Research**
Dr. Waleed Khalil, College of Engineering
- ▶ **Enhance your Research with EndNote: A Reference Management Software Program**
Mr. Khalid Bilal Pasha and Ms. Sara Abdulaziz Al Bloushi, National Medical Library
- ▶ **PhD as a vehicle for a dream job - how to prepare at different stages of your study**
Prof. Bhanu Chowdhary, Dean of the College of Food and Agriculture
- ▶ **How to Write a Research Proposal**
John Slocombe, University College
- ▶ **Using UAEU library resources to search literature**
Mr. Khalid Bilal Pasha, UAEU Library
- ▶ **Apply with Success! How to Write Effective CVs and Cover Letters**
Chase A. Brame, University College



- ▶ **Technical Skills on How to Publish - Journal Selection/ Scopus/EndNote/Article Topic**
Dr. Mutamed Ayyash, Department of Food Science, College of Food and Agriculture
- ▶ **Project Management Professional (PMP) Training Courses**
GRCA Academy
- ▶ **Workshop on Overleaf**
Prof. Taoufik Ksiksi, Department of Biology, College of Science
- ▶ **How to Do Conceptual Models in Qualitative Data Analysis**
Dr. Negmeldin Omer Alsheikh, Department of Curriculum and Methods of Instruction, College of Education
- ▶ **How to publish research papers in High Impact Journals?**
Prof. Sulaiman Al-Zuhair, Department of Chemical & Petroleum Engineering, College of Engineering
- ▶ **Seminar: Voyage through space and time: A wonderer's view of chemical dynamics at small scales**
Prof. Biman Bagchi, Indian Institute of Science
- ▶ **Statistical Data Analysis with SPSS**
Dr. M. Jawad Hashim, College of Medicine and Health Sciences
- ▶ **How to Write a Research Paper**
Dr. Mutamed Ayyash, College of Food and Agriculture
- ▶ **Citing/Referencing Using Zotero**
Mohammed Alzard, College of Engineering
- ▶ **Working on a PhD and staying sane - overcoming challenges and coming out victorious**
Prof. Bhanu Chowdhary, Dean of College of Food and Agriculture
- ▶ **Significance of a PhD proposal and how to ace it**
Prof. Bhanu Chowdhary, Dean of College of Food and Agriculture
- ▶ **How to make the best out of a conference participation**
Dr. Abdessamad Tridane, Department of Mathematical Sciences, College of Science
- ▶ **CV/Resume Writing Skills "How to Write a Professional CV"**
Shehab Majud, UAEU Library
- ▶ **Skills of Google "How to Use Google to Achieve Your Business Goals"**
Stephanie Danielle, Emirates Foundation
- ▶ **Job Interviews Skills "How to Answer the 10 Tough Questions in Job Interviews"**
Shehab Majud, Manuscript Editing Services, UAEU
- ▶ **Occupational Health & Safety**
Esimaje-Ojo Roli, Facilities Management Department
- ▶ **Building an Effective Resume**
Dr. Sufian Abu Rmaileh, University College



1ST PHD TEACHING ACADEMY COHORT GRADUATION

Congratulations to the PhD students graduating from UAEU's PhD Students Teaching Academy Program!

On the 19th of February, 2020, the University held graduation ceremony for its very first PhD Teaching Academy Cohort, at UAEU Business Center in the Crescent Building. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Ghaleb Albreiki, Provost and Acting Vice Chancellor of UAE University. The Dean of the College of Graduate Studies Prof. Ali Al-Marzouqi and CETL Director Prof. Hassan Selim, from the two UAEU units involved in designing and implementing the program in collaboration, also attended to celebrate this special event. The graduating cohort comprised of the 16 PhD students listed below.



No.	Name	College
1	Abdin Abdin Elamin	College of Engineering
2	Aisha Al Neyadi	College of Science
3	Alaa Alachkar	College of Medicine and Health Sciences
4	Alfan Al Ketbi	College of Medicine and Health Sciences
5	Azhar Mahmohd	College of Medicine and Health Sciences
6	Halima Al Samri	College of Science
7	Hira Shakoor	College of Food and Agriculture
8	Mohammed H. Alzard	College of Engineering
9	Nancy Kachouh	College of Engineering
10	Nasloon Ali	College of Medicine and Health Sciences
11	Nighat Perveen	College of Science
12	Omar Abbas Najm	College of Engineering
13	Serene Dominic	College of Food and Agriculture
14	Tetiana Habuza	College of Information Technology
15	Urwa Tariq	College of Humanities and Social Sciences
16	Zeina Al Mahairi	College of Medicine and Health Sciences



What is PhD Students Teaching Academy Program?

- ▶ PhD Students Teaching Academy Program is a blended program developed to prepare selected and qualified PhD students to start a teaching career in academia. The program allows UAEU PhD students to learn how to manage large and small classes and gain hands on experience with a range of teaching and learning pedagogies, Instructional technologies, and best practices in teaching.
- ▶ The program consists of four modules over two semesters. Each module consists of five 2-hour sessions with exception to the last module, which is a full semester apprenticeship.
- ▶ PhD students who successfully finish this program will be qualified to become future faculty.



UAEU DOCTORATE ALUMNI 2019-2020

Below are the students who graduated from the UAEU doctorate programs Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA), during the Academic Year 2019-2020.



Dr. Efstratios Svinterikos
PhD, COE
Defense: 26 April 2020



Dr. Afra Nasib
Poet and Educator
PhD, CHSS
Defense: 22 April 2020



Dr. Moustafa Al Hosani
Vice President, Talent Development Division, ADNOC Refining
DBA, Defense: 3 November 2019



Dr. Ibrahim A Subeh
Founder, UniGates
PhD, CHSS
Defense: 13 April 2020




Dr. Nida Nasir
PhD, COE
Defense: 20 February 2020



Dr. Shakila Afroz
PhD, CMHS
Defense : 3 May 2020



Dr. Amna AlNakhi
Director General, His Highness Office Government of Sharjah
DBA, Defense: 13 Nov. 2019



Dr. Serene Hilary
Research Associate, UAEU
PhD, CFA
Defense: 14 June 2020



Dr. Mariam Ali Janahi
Head of Promotion Section, Ministry of Interior, Bahrain
DBA, Defense: 12 November 2019



Dr. Sawzan Al Khouri
Marketing Research Manager, ADNOC Fertilizer -Fertil
DBA, Defense: 22 April 2020




Dr. Ibrahim Alkandari
International Relations, State Audit Bureau of Kuwait
PhD, CHSS
Defense: 16 April 2020




Dr. Ali AlNaqbi
Director / PMO, Etisalat, Abu Dhabi
DBA, Defense: 20 Feb 2020



Dr. Rami Aysheh
PhD, CHSS
Defense: 4 March 2020



Dr. Latifa Al Blooshi
PhD, COS
Defense: 22 April 2020



Dr. Nasloon Ali
Research Fellow, CMHS, UAEU
PhD, CMHS
Defense: 16 April 2020




Dr. Arjun Shamgopal
Research Associate, Biology Dept, COS, UAEU
PhD, COS
Defense: 14 April 2020



Dr. Eman Al Mansoori
Executive Manager, Ministry of Presidential Affairs
DBA, Defense: 14 November 2019




Dr. Alaa Mushtaha
Regional Sales Manager for the Middle East & Africa, Danaher Corporation
DBA, Defense: 23 April 2020



Dr. Fedah Mohamed
Research Assistant, CMHS, UAEU
PhD, CMHS
Defense: 20 April 2020



Dr. Neethu Vins
PhD, CMHS
Defense: 17 November 2019



Dr. Saad Khan
PhD, COE
Defense: 8 December 2019



Dr. Zannatul Ferdous
Research Assistant, St. Michael Hospital, Toronto, Canada
Defense: 20 January 2020




Dr. Ma'mon Al Ghannam
Lecturer, Higher Colleges of Technology
PhD, CHSS
DBA, Defense: 11 March 2020




Dr. Alaa Alachkar
Research Assistant, UAEU
PhD, CMHS
Defense: 3 June 2020



Dr. Mariam Al Mahmoud
Acting Deputy Director General, Emirates Diplomatic Academy
DBA, Defense: 4 Nov. 2019



Dr. Alyaa AlDoseri
DBA, Defense: 13 April 2020



Dr. Hala AlAqad
Research Assistant, UAEU
PhD, COS
Defense: 29 June 2020



Dr. Wafaa Elzaatar
PhD, CEDU
Defense: 1 June 2020



Dr. Rowaa Abd- Allatif
PhD, CMHS
Defense: 19 December 2019

Dr. Hana Al Mahri
AVP- HR & Emiratization, General Holding Corporation - SENAAT
DBA, Defense: 5 November 2019



Dr. Sameer Bani Yassen
Instructor, Ministry of Education
PhD, CHSS
Defense: 26 February 2020

Dr. Fatema Al Zaabi
Head of the Prevention & Control of Infection Committee Primary Healthcare Centers-RAK, Ministry of Health & Prevention
PhD, CMHS. Defense: 12 November 2019

Dr. Ayshathul Gani
PhD, COE
Defense: 30 January 2020

Dr. Fatima Mezhal
PhD, CMHS
Defense: 19 April 2020

Dr. Heba Ismail
PhD, CIT
Defense: 17 Nov. 2019

NUMBER OF GRADUATES



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

CHANCELLOR'S GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

- ▶ All Nationalities
- ▶ Master, Doctorate

PHD SCHOLARSHIP

- ▶ All Nationalities

FULL-RIDE MASTER TO PHD SCHOLARSHIP

- ▶ UAE National (UAEU Alumni)

PHD SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE NATIONAL SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

- ▶ UAE National

GRADUATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTSHIP

- ▶ All Nationalities

PHD FELLOWSHIP

- ▶ All Nationalities

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

- ▶ All Nationalities

PHD TUITION PAYER

- ▶ All Nationalities

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

- ▶ All Nationalities
- ▶ Master, Doctorate

THE HAMDAN BIN RASHID SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT UAEU (MASTER OF EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION)

- ▶ UAE National
- ▶ Master

THE ICT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- ▶ UAE National
- ▶ Bachelor, Master

MSC SPACE SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE ARAB SPACE PIONEERS PROGRAM

- ▶ Nationals of Arab Countries
- ▶ Master



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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Colleges	Graduate Degree Programs
Business and Economics	Master of Business Administration (MBA)
	Master of Professional Accounting (MPA)
	Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
Education	Master of Education
	Master of Educational Innovation
Engineering	Master of Science in Architectural Engineering
	Master of Science in Civil Engineering
	Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
	Master of Engineering Management
	Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
	Master of Science in Chemical Engineering
	Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering
	Master of Science in Water Resources
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations:
	▶ Architectural Engineering
	▶ Civil Engineering
▶ Chemical Engineering	
▶ Petroleum Engineering	
▶ Electrical Engineering	
▶ Mechanical Engineering	
▶ Material Science and Engineering	
▶ Water Resources	
Food and Agriculture	Master of Science in Horticulture
	Master of Science in Food Science
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations:
	▶ Food Science
▶ Horticultural Science	
▶ Animal Science	
Humanities and Social Sciences	Master of Science in Remote Sensing & Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
	Master of Social Work
	Master of Governance and Public Policy

Colleges	Graduate Degree Programs
Information Technology	Master of Science in Information Security
	Master of Science in IT Management
	Master of Science in Software Engineering
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations:
	▶ Information Technology
▶ Information Security	
▶ Computer Science	
▶ Software Engineering	
▶ Network Engineering	
▶ Computer Engineering	
Law	Master of Private Law
	Master of Public Law
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Medicine and Health Sciences	Master of Medical Sciences:
	▶ Pharmacology and Toxicology
	▶ Microbiology and Immunology
	▶ Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
	Master of Science in Clinical Psychology
	Master of Science in Human Nutrition
	Master of Public Health (MPH)
	Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations:
	▶ Biomedical Sciences
▶ Public Health and Occupational Health	
▶ Nutritional Sciences	
Science	Master of Science in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
	Master of Science in Chemistry
	Master of Science in Environmental Sciences
	Master of Science in Mathematics
	Master of Science in Physics
	Master of Science in Space Science
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations:
	▶ Cellular and Molecular Biology
	▶ Ecology and Environmental Sciences
	▶ Chemistry
	▶ Geosciences
▶ Mathematics	
▶ Physics	

Upcoming Program

Dual degree PhD program UAEU and KU Leaven, Belgium (under approval process).

GRADUATE STUDENT HUB

Graduate Student Hub was first launched by the College of Graduate Studies on December 6, 2018, to promote a social, interactive and informal learning environment for graduate students. The Hub is equipped with necessary services for students such as printing, PCs, meeting equipment, books and individual study spaces. Students can use this flexible learning space to either study or for entertainment. The Hub allows the students to have meet ups and helps them to get their work done. Here, you can get the assistance of your fellow graduate students. Hub provides a number of services including scanning, printing, binding etc. This is a marvelous place to meet new friends and share your ideas, knowledge and experiences. If you are stressed, visit the HUB and enjoy the games (PlayStation, board games & cards). You can also be a part of the events & competitions throughout the semester organized by the HUB.



“Come to F3- Room 112, We Provide Support & Advice to Graduate Students!!!”

GRADUATE STUDENT HUB

This space is for Graduate Students:

- ▶ A quiet /workspace area that includes desks with computing facilities and to study.
- ▶ A comfortable area to relax between classes and have a coffee with friends or to have chit chats.
- ▶ Printing, Scanning, Binding
- ▶ Gaming (PlayStation, Board Games & Cards)
- ▶ Meeting Table to hold meetings



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GRADUATE ASSISTANT?

“We are truly honored to be a part of the CGS family to help our peers with the guidance from a number of respected and supportive mentors at CGS. Graduate assistantship at UAEU is such a blessing to enhance our skills and confidence in both academic & social life..”

Graduate Assistants

Our main responsibilities include:

- ▶ Support the functions of the Graduate Student Hub and provide assistance to other graduate students with any help they need.
- ▶ Training graduate students to use the university thesis/dissertation format, template and guidelines. Helping students in reviewing and fixing their theses/dissertations. Give workshops for training as needed.
- ▶ Organizing social activities for students, developing newsletter, designing flyers/brochures, editing videos and updating CGS social media accounts.
- ▶ Support with administrative tasks such as recruitment activities, filing, statistics, supporting workshop instructors and generating student research publication data.

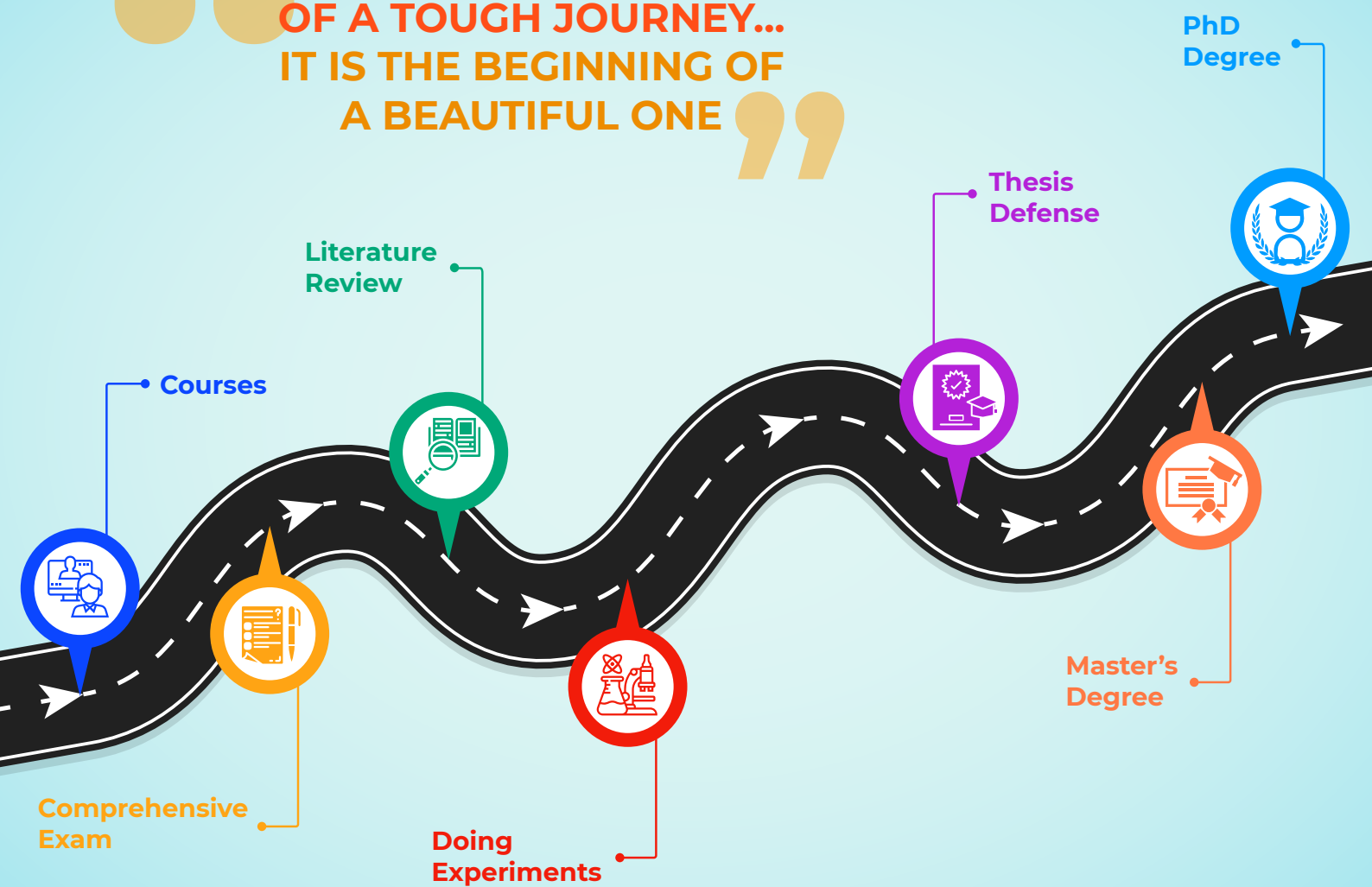
Graduate education is more than what you learn in the classroom. Along with your academic work, you have to be trained for a future career. ‘Graduate Assistantship’ is an excellent way to gain work experience along with your studies. It is a unique opportunity one can gain at UAEU, allowing to sense the workforce & gives a financial support as well.

Why be a Graduate Assistant?

- ▶ Good opportunity to get work experience while pursuing graduate studies.
- ▶ Enhance the key employability skills while allowing you to experience working in a professional and fast-paced work environment.
- ▶ You are provided with a valuable network of contacts to look for references and advice.
- ▶ You get the chance to assist and learn from your fellow students in different fields.



**GRADUATION ISN'T THE END
OF A TOUGH JOURNEY...
IT IS THE BEGINNING OF
A BEAUTIFUL ONE**



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